

**The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217**

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met on March 6, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217.

Board Members Present:

Leonard L. Kinsley, Chairman
John Mixon, Vice Chairman
Dale Greene
John Britt
Anna "Miki" Thomaston

Staff Present:

Josh Waters, Executive Director
Janet Jackson, Board Attorney
Victoria Palmer, Board Support Specialist

Chairperson Leonard Kinsley established that a quorum was present at 9:32 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Open Session

The Board opened nominations for 2013 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. John Mixon nominated John Britt for Chairperson of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters and Leonard Kinsley for Vice Chairperson of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters for 2013. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Kinsley closed nominations.

John Mixon made a motion to elect John Britt as Chairman and Leonard Kinsley as Vice Chairman for the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters for 2013. Dale Greene seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Leonard Kinsley motioned that nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson be done as the last agenda item at the last Board meeting of each year and elected persons start on January 1 of the following year. John Mixon seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The minutes from the October 31, 2012 Board meeting were reviewed. John Mixon made a motion to approve the minutes. Leonard Kinsley seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Board reviewed the list of licenses issued for the period of October 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013.

Licenses Issued October 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013

Forester	RF002919	Duncan, Lisa Karmen
Forester	RF002920	Tew, Robert Daniel
Forester	RF002921	Rawls, Benjamin Joseph

Chairman John Britt recognized Executive Director Josh Waters. Josh advised the Board that if they wish to hold Board meetings in person on days in which they did not have a hearing they could do so. However, each Board member who attended would need to sign a form forgoing their per diem and mileage reimbursements for that meeting.

Executive Session:

John Britt moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). John Mixon seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Chairman John Britt declared the Board to be back in open session.

John Mixon made a motion, the motion was seconded by Anna "Miki" Thomaston and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applicants for reinstatement:

License#	Name
RF001323	Frank David McKinney Clint Eric Ozier Matthew Jeremy Coulter Jason Elliot McCannon William Clifford Hargrove III

John Mixon made a motion, it was seconded by Anna "Miki" Thomaston and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following reciprocity applicant for licensure:

License#	Name
RF001905	William H L Witsell

John Mixon made a motion, it was seconded by Anna "Miki" Thomaston and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applicants for licensure:

License#	Name
RF002917	Jeremy Means
RF002918	Donald Leroy Lewis
RF002919	David Augustus Verdery

John Mixon made a motion, it was seconded by Anna “Miki” Thomaston and the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applicants to sit for the exam:

Name
Christopher Holloway Anderson
Lyle Edward Taylor
Phillip Randall Booker, Jr.

Dale Green made a motion, it was seconded by John Mixon and the Board voted unanimously to deny the following application for licensure due to not meeting the education requirement:

Name
Jimmy David Thompson

The Board discussed and approved moving the May 22nd meeting to May 29th.

John Mixon made a motion, it was seconded by Anna “Miki” Thomaston and the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 31, 2012 executive session minutes.

Complaint FOR120001 – Dale Greene motioned, John Mixon seconded and the board voted unanimously referring the case back to the Secretary of State’s Investigations Division to find out how many offers to bid were sent out.

Complaint FOR120002 – Dale Green motioned, to send the case back to the Secretary of State’s Investigations Division and ask them to talk with the landowner to whom forestry advice was allegedly given. In the motion, Mr. Green also asked that the case be referred to the Attorney General’s office for negotiation of a cease and desist order or a hearing. Anna “Miki” Thomaston seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Complaint FOR130002 – Leonard Kinsley motioned, John Mixon seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the complaint due to a lack of jurisdiction.

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, presented that she had no new information.

John Mixon motioned, John Britt seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:09 am.

Leonard L. Kinsley, Chair
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Date

Josh Waters, Executive Director
Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

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